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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the February 9, 2001 Election Requirement
(Paper No. 9). Please consider the following remarks.

Additionally, Applicants submit (1) a Petition for a one (1) month extension of
time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

REMARKS

Response To Election Requirement. In response to the Election
Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species described in Example 3 and Figure 3 of the
Specification, *i.e.* the species having the following properties:

- a) Specific carrier: Human Serum Albumin ("HSA")

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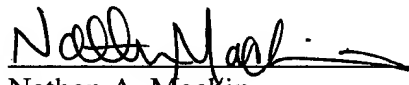


- b) Specific fluorescent moiety: tetra(4-sulfophenyl)porphin
- c) Nature of bond between carrier and fluorescent moiety: sulfonamide linkage
- d) Number of carriers per conjugate: One HSA per conjugate
- e) Approximate excitation wavelength: 650 nm

No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8484-077-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes .

Respectfully submitted,

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